

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF FENNIMORE, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018**

This meeting was called to order by President Dave Streif at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with the following alderpersons answering present: Greg Ashmore, Ashley Walker, Jonah Roth, Jessie Strack, Dave Streif, Jeff Hagen, Pete Adam. Sara Brodt arrived about 6:05 pm and Ryan Boebel was absent. Others Present were: DPW Dennis Biddick, Clerk Misty Molzof, and Fennimore Times Erin Martin.

Proof in the form of a certificate of public notice given as required by Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., as to the holding of this meeting, was presented by the Clerk. Motion by Adam, second by Hagen to approve the proof of posting and agenda. Carried 8-0.

**Consent Agenda**

*Operator's License(s):* Motion by Strack, second by Hagen to approve operator license for Micah Herbers that has been reviewed by the Police Department. Carried 8-0.

*Application for "A" Retailers License:* Motion by Hagen, second by Strack to approve Class "A" Beer retailer license for Israel Acatzihua Temoxtle, Lusy Mexican Store, LLC. Carried 8-0.

*Street Closing:* Motion by Adam, second by Brodt to approve street closing for Fennimore Area Chamber of Commerce, on August 1, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm, 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Lincoln Avenue to Madison Street for the Back to School Event. Carried 8-0.

Minutes (1/22/2018): Molzof reported that there was a typo in the motion to approve Resolution #2018-01 in the original minutes and needed to be changed from "approve the utility budget" to "approve Resolution #2018-01. Motion by Hagen to approve the changes to the January 22, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented, second by Strack. Carried 8-0.

Minutes (7/9/2018): Motion by Hagen to approve the July 9, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented, second by Brodt. Carried 8-0.

**Reports of City officers:**

*Clerk-Treasurer:* Molzof reported that the office has been cross-training and covering for one another during approved absences, Civic Training went well and is looking forward to the free upgrade in the next month, PSN will be implemented on August 1<sup>st</sup>, June 30, 2018 Financial records are attached and we appear to be right where we should be ½ way through the year, auditor's draft communications are attached and they suggested moving the TID information into a separate fund which would mean changing them from "100" to "400" in account structuring and she will be looking at that yet this year, looking for thoughts on the new letterhead, and reminder of the upcoming election on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Director of Public Works:* Biddick reported that we did receive a bid for the Library roof and we have some work to do before we can accept it because of Historical Society requirements. Crosswalk safety group met last week and there are two groups that each donated \$100 to get crosswalk safety flags going. PVC pipe strapped to poles at intersections and roughly 5 flags in each box. Primary goals are Lincoln Avenue, and one by the Post Office and one area on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. About 32 boxes to get all intersections supplied and will start with 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Donations received thus far will pay for PVC pipes and straps, and Biddick is going to

order \$500 in flags to get started and then will reach out for donations payable to city. Streif suggested that donations could be made out to Fennimore Area Foundation and be tax deductible. Hagen stated that he may be able to get flags donated and asked Biddick to send him donations and materials suggested. Adam asked Biddick to ask the committee to request grant funds through Fennimore Area Foundation. Brodt asked about WWTP construction project. Biddick stated that the start-up is a little behind, and Brodt thought that 30 days sounded about right. Biddick stated that they are behind on some, and ahead on some. Substantial completion date has been extended by about 2 or 3 weeks and we will be seeing a formal change order in August.

*Chief of Police:* No questions or concerns on the police report.

*Promotions Coordinator:* No questions or concerns on the promotions coordinator's report.

*Semi-Monthly Claims:* Brodt, member of Finance and Progress Committee presented total claims of \$9,011,625.08, including City general fund - \$7,894.78; Electric and Water Utility - \$121,587.45; Wastewater - \$8,882,142.85; and 7/20/2018 payroll \$69,734.31, including City general fund - \$47,137.93; Electric and Water Utility - \$16,434.32; Wastewater - \$6,162.06. Motion by Brodt to approve claims as listed, second by Strack. Upon roll call vote, all alderpersons present voted aye. Carried 8-0.

*Gridor Payment:* Motion by Brodt, second by Streif to approve payment to Gridor Construction in the amount of \$361,295.45. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Carried 8-0.

*CDBG-TIF project claims:* No CDBG-TIF project claims.

#### *Committee Reports:*

##### *Plan Commission 7/18/2018*

*CSM 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Madison Street to Foxmoor Heights Outlot 215:* Biddick reported that land between 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Street that has not been developed. Noyes property is creating 4 lots and a dedication to the city. Motion by Streif, second by Brodt to approve CSM for Outlot 215 as presented and recommended by the Plan Commission. Carried 8-0.

*CSM 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Madison Street to Foxmoor Heights Outlot 216:* Biddick reported that the Hoffmeister property is creating 3 lots and a dedication to the city. Motion by Streif, second by Brodt to approve CSM for Outlot 216 as presented and recommended by the Plan Commission. Carried 8-0.

*Solar Farm Zoning:* Biddick reported that this would be zoning for the proposed solar farm proposed within the city limits. Hampton, Biddick, and Brownlee discussed various ways to implement the zoning in the municipal code and our options are: allow as a conditional use, create a new zoning district, or allow it as a permitted use in one of the existing zoning districts. Biddick stated that the attorney was leaning towards making it a permitted use in the Ag Zoning District. If the council is agreeable, we could proceed with the attorney drafting the language. Biddick stated that Arcadia has went through this process and we will look closely at their definitions and rules when doing ours. Motion by Brodt, second by Hagen to proceed with the recommendation of the Plan Commission and add Solar Farming as an approved use in the Ag Zoning District. Carried 8-0.

*Recycling Truck:* Biddick reported that we need to order a cardboard recycling truck. Streif asked what we do with the cardboard, and if we compact it. Biddick stated that we need a garbage truck to be able to dump the customers that place cardboard in dumpsters. Biddick stated that it is difficult to find a truck with a hoist and dumpster bars for picking it up. Biddick stated that the committee recommends to replace the cardboard

truck and keep garbage and recycling in house. Biddick has looked on-line and will call Town & Country to find other vendors. Biddick will research further and bring back to Council. Motion by Adam, second by Ashmore to have at least two quotes for replacement by August 13, 2018. Carried 8-0.

*Update on Garbage & Recycling:* Biddick reported that our lowest proposal received was from Town & Country Sanitation at \$12/residence for garbage and recycling. We are currently at \$9/residence and with the projected numbers it would take about 10 years to get to \$12/residence that we would have to charge. We have been replacing equipment over the past couple of years, and our only immediate need is to replace the cardboard truck. Our only other need coming up in the next couple of years would be a skid steer replacement. No action taken.

Old Business:

New Business:

*Water and Waste System Grant Agreement:* Molzof reported that this has been reviewed by the attorney and everything is in order to proceed with the closing later this week. Motion by Adam, second by Brodt to approve the Water and Waste System Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture for Rural Utilities Service as presented. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Carried 8-0.

*Loan Resolution #2018-07-23:* Molzof reported that the attached has been reviewed by the attorney and everything is in order to proceed with the USDA loan closing later this week. Motion by Brodt, second by Hagen to approve Loan Resolution #2018-07-23 as presented. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Carried 8-0.

Citizens Present: Strack has been asked about yard clippings in the streets, and is wondering if people are supposed to be doing that, or if there is something going out to people who are putting it into the streets. Biddick stated that if there are piles in the streets, to bring it back to him so that he can notify the property owner. It is not our policy to pick up grass clippings and he will communicate that with departments. Adam asked about crosswalks on Lincoln Avenue, and Biddick stated that county highway is supposed to come in and fix the one by Casey's.

Mayor Communications: None

Motion by Adam, second by Brodt to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Carried 8-0.

This meeting was adjourned at approx. 6:45 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

I hereby approve all actions of the City Council except \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Mayor

I certify that I have submitted the above minutes for approval.

  
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City Clerk